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In re Application of: FUKUSHIMA et al :  
Appl. No.: 10/813,054 : DECISION ON PETITION  
Filed: March 31, 2004 :  
For: FUEL TANK STRUCTURE :

This is a decision on the petition filed on January 23, 2007 by which petitioners request acceptance of a duplicate paper. The petition is considered pursuant to 37 CFR 1.181, and no fee is required.

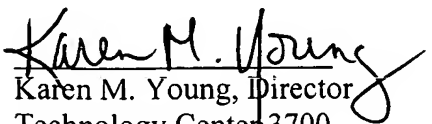
The petition is granted.

On September 26, 2006 a Final Office Action was issued in the instant file. An amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 was filed by petitioner on November 27, 2006. This paper was not completely received by the Office, as the file wrapper does not show receipt of a certified translation of the priority document.

Petitioner has submitted an evidentiary copy of the November 27, 2006 certified translation along with a copy of a post card receipt clearly indicating a certified translation of a priority document was received by the office on November 27, 2006. Petitioner has also included a statement attesting the duplicate papers represent a true copy of the papers filed on November 27, 2006. Based upon this evidence, the duplicate paper is accepted.

The file will be forwarded to the examiner of record for consideration of the November 27, 2006 amendment under 37 CFR 1.116, including the certified translation of the priority document.

PETITION GRANTED

  
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